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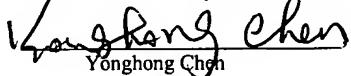
For: CLAMPING DEVICE FOR THE STEERING COLUMN OF A MOTOR VEHICLE

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1. US 2002/0011725 A1
2. EP 0 802 104 A1 (has English-language equivalent application US 6,095,012 listed as Document 4)

3. DE 100 26 671 A1 (has English-language equivalent application US GB 2 350 666 A listed as Document 5)
4. US 6,095,012
5. GB 2 350 666 A (in English)

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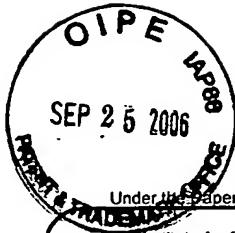
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